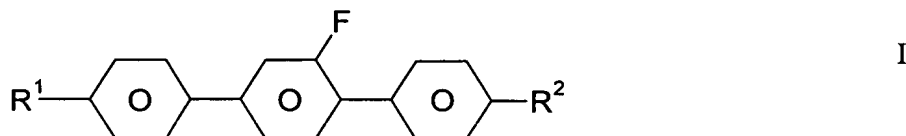


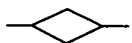
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Listing of Claims:

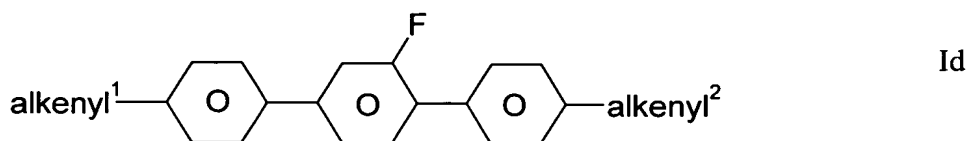
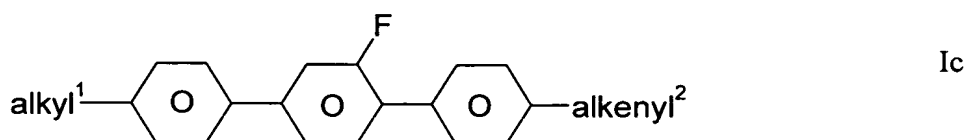
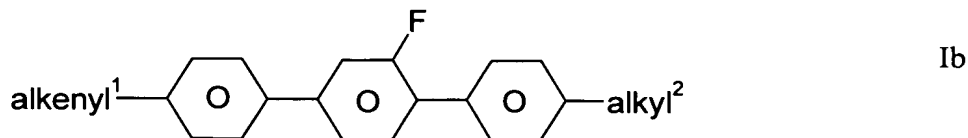
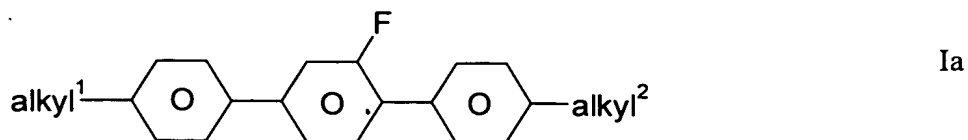
1. (Original) Liquid-crystalline medium based on a mixture of polar compounds of positive or negative dielectric anisotropy, characterised in that it comprises one or more compounds of the general formula I



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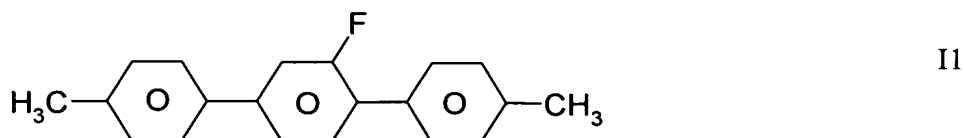
R^1 and R^2 are each, independently of one another, identically or differently, H, an alkyl radical having from 1 to 12 carbon atoms which is unsubstituted, monosubstituted by CN or CF_3 or at least monosubstituted by halogen, where, in addition, one or more CH_2 groups in these radicals may each, independently of one another, be replaced by $-O-$, $-S-$, , $-CH=CH-$, $-C\equiv C-$, $-CO-$, $-CO-O-$, $-O-CO-$ or $-O-CO-O-$ in such a way that O atoms are not linked directly to one another.

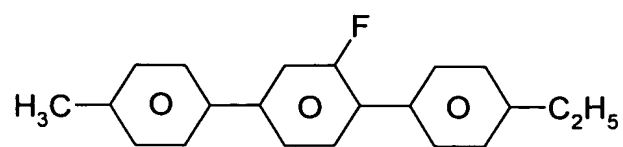
2. (Currently Amended) Medium according to Claim 1, characterised in that, in the compound of the formula I, R^1 and/or R^2 are, independently of one another, identically or differently, H, a straight-chain alkyl radical having from 1 to 9 carbon atoms or a straight-chain alkenyl radical having from 2 to 9 carbon atoms.
3. (Currently Amended) Medium according to Claim 1 or 2, characterised in that it comprises one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of the compounds of the sub-formulae Ia to Id:



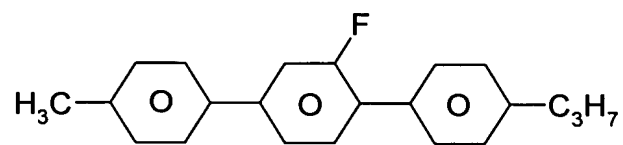
where the term “alkyl¹” and “alkyl²” in each case, independently of one another, identically or differently, denotes a hydrogen atom or an alkyl radical having from 1 to 9 carbon atoms, preferably a straight-chain alkyl radical having from 1 to 5 carbon atoms, and the term “alkenyl¹” and “alkenyl²” in each case, independently of one another, identically or differently, denotes an alkenyl radical having from 2 to 9 carbon atoms, preferably a straight-chain alkenyl radical having from 2 to 5 carbon atoms.

4. (Currently Amended) Me dium according to claim 1 ~~at least one of the preceding claims~~, characterised in that it comprises one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of the compounds of the sub-formulae I1 to I25:

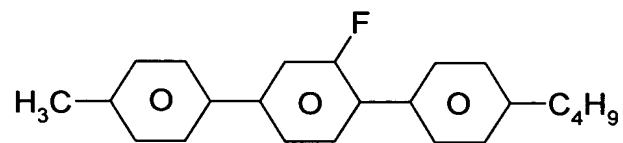




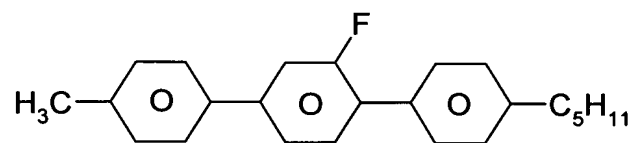
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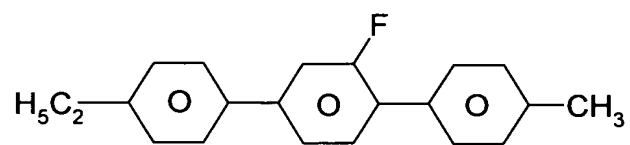
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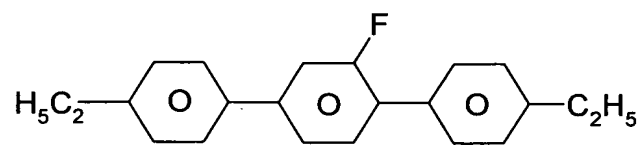
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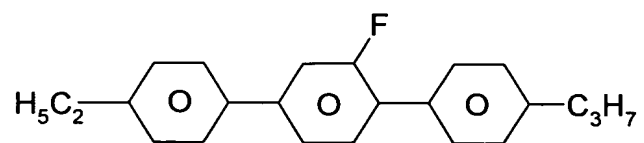
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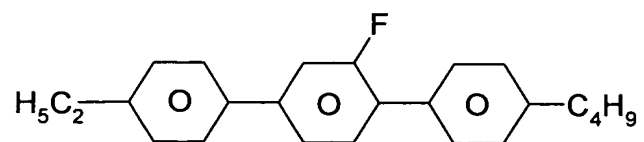
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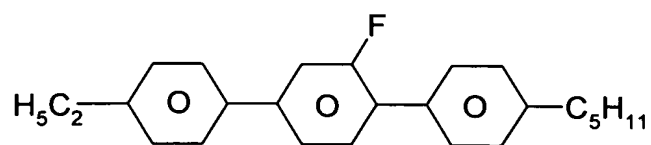
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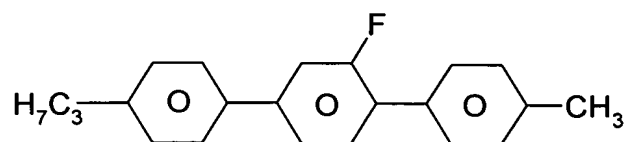
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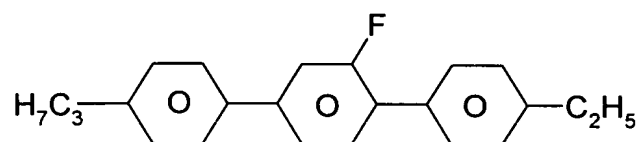
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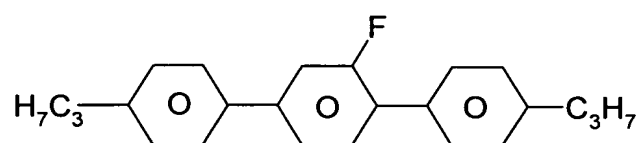
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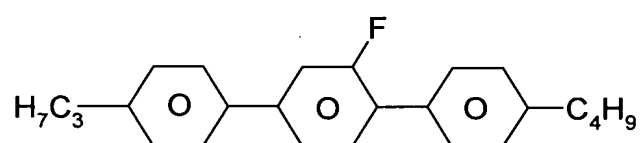
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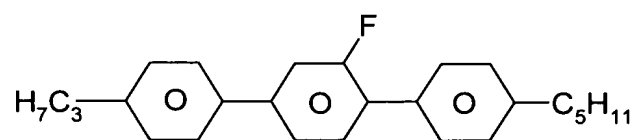
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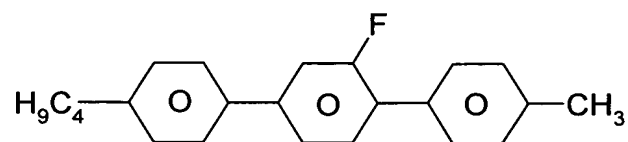
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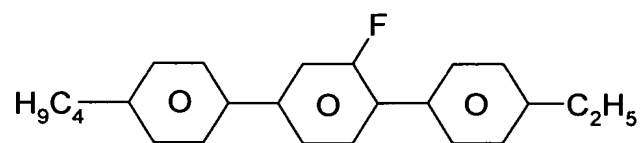
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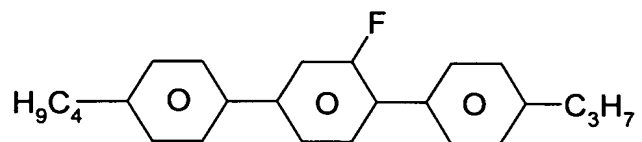
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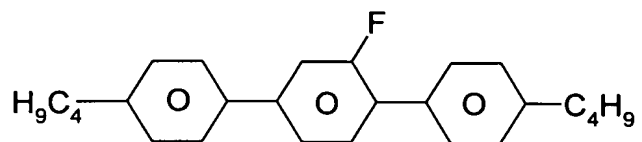
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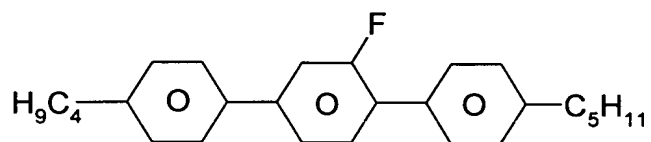
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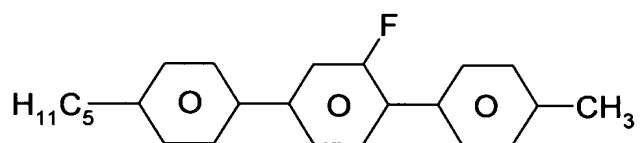
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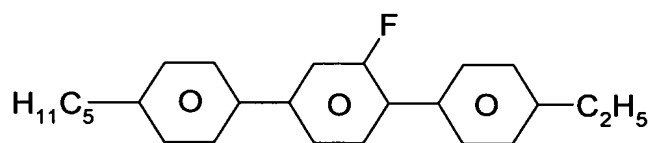
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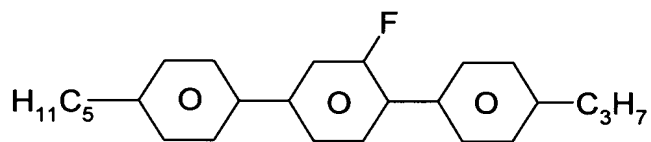
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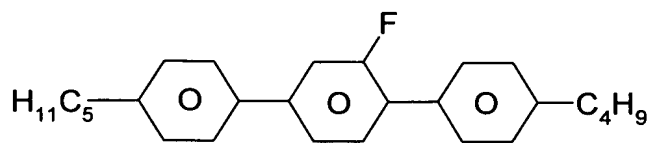
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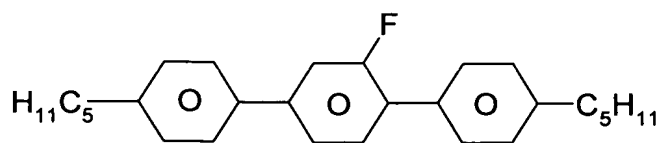
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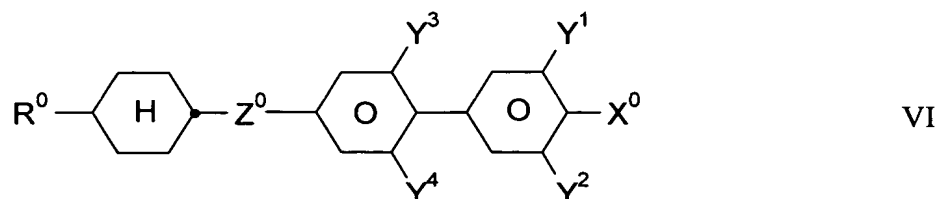
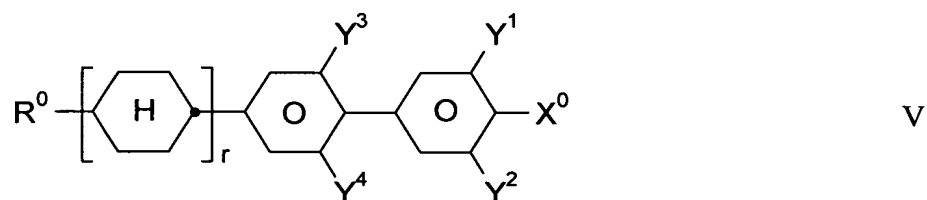
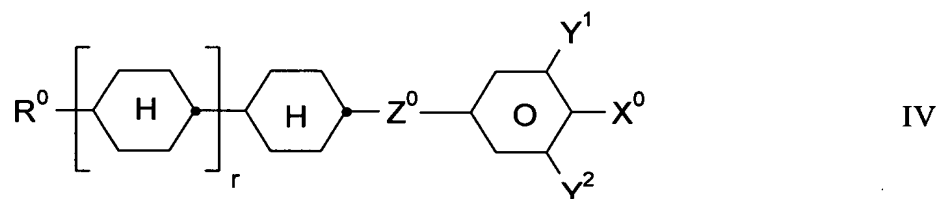
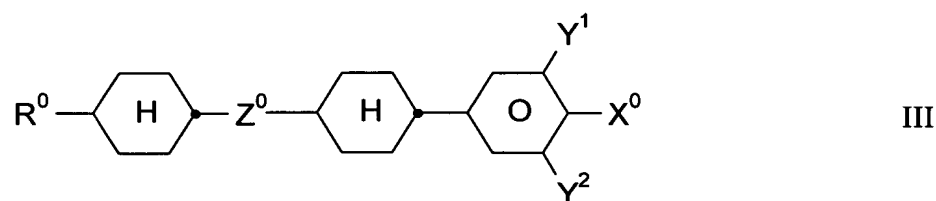
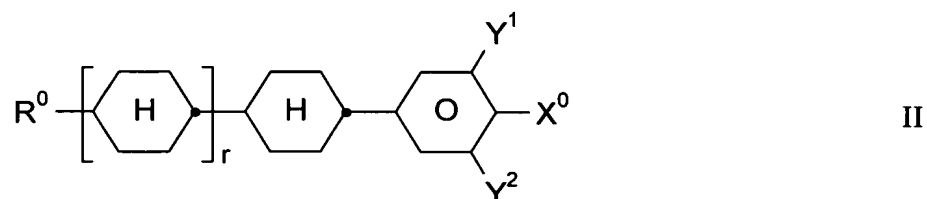


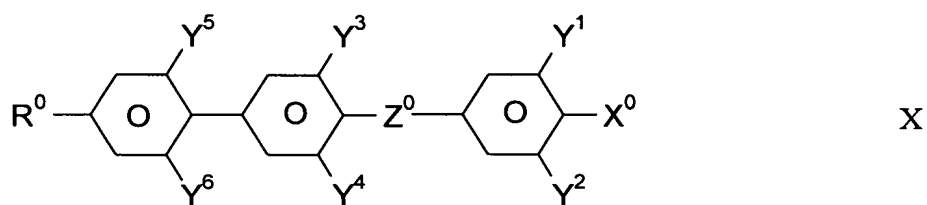
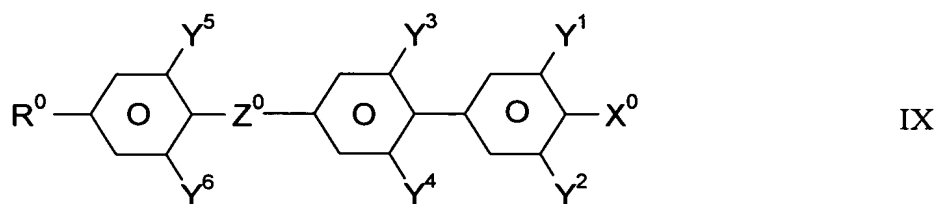
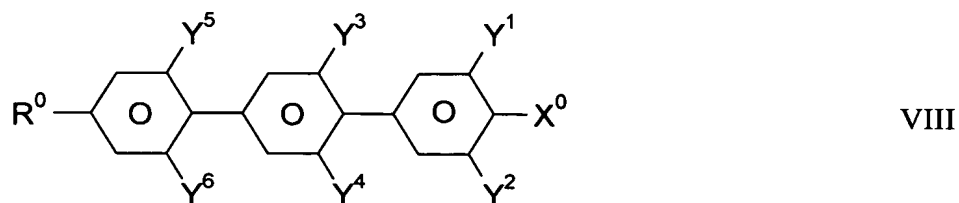
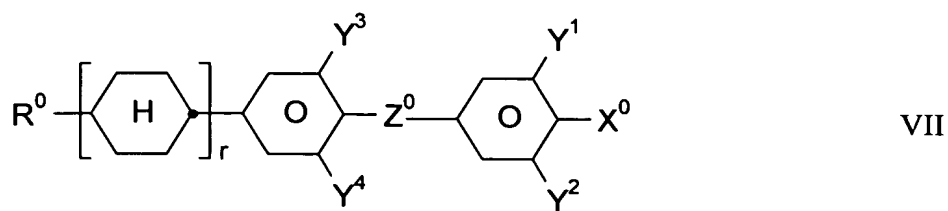
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5. (Currently Amended) Medium according to claim 1 ~~at least one of the preceding claims~~, characterised in that the proportion of compounds of the formula I in the mixture as a whole is from 1 to 60% by weight.
6. (Currently Amended) Medium according to claim 1 ~~at least one of the preceding claims~~, characterised in that it additionally comprises one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of compounds of the general formulae II to X:





in which the individual radicals have the following meanings:

R^0 : n-alkyl, oxaalkyl, fluoroalkyl or alkenyl, each having up to 9 carbon atoms;

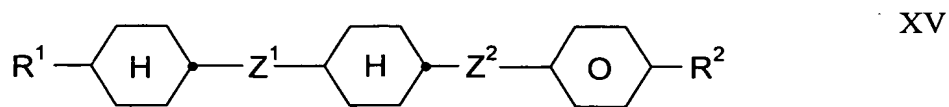
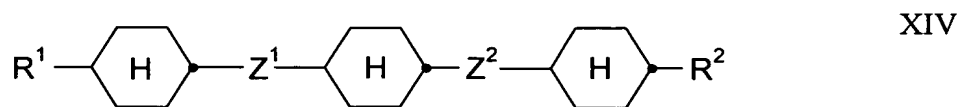
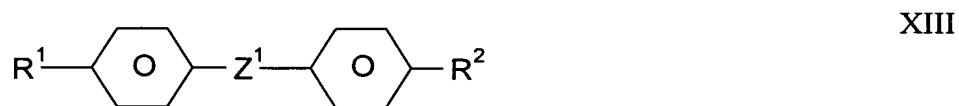
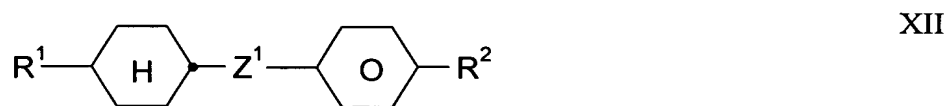
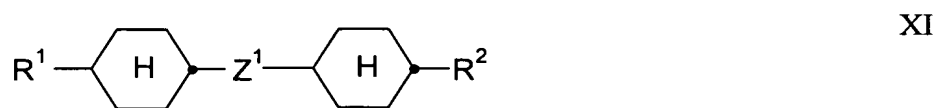
X^0 : F, Cl, halogenated alkyl or halogenated alkoxy having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, or halogenated alkenyl having from 2 to 6 carbon atoms;

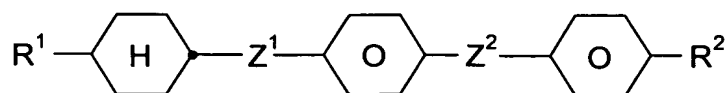
Z^0 : $-\text{CF}_2\text{O}-$, $-\text{OCF}_2-$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{O}-$, $-\text{OCH}_2-$, $-\text{CO}-\text{O}-$, $-\text{O}-\text{CO}-$, $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$, $-\text{C}_2\text{H}_4-$, $-\text{C}_2\text{F}_4-$, $-\text{CH}_2\text{CF}_2-$, $-\text{CF}_2\text{CH}_2-$ or $-\text{C}_4\text{H}_8-$;

Y^1 , Y^2 , Y^3 , Y^4 , Y^5 and Y^6 :
each, independently of one another, H or F;

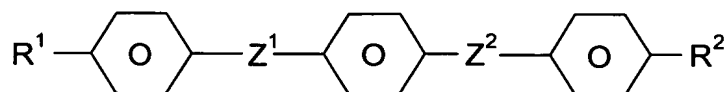
r : 0 or 1.

7. (Original) Medium according to Claim 6, characterised in that the proportion of compounds of the formulae II to X in the mixture as a whole is from 20 to 70% by weight.
8. (Currently Amended) Medium according to claim 1 ~~at least one of the preceding claims~~, characterised in that it comprises one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of compounds of the general formulae XI to XVII:





XVI



XVII

in which the individual radicals have the following meanings:

R^1 and R^2 : independently of one another, identically or differently, n-alkyl, n-alkoxy or alkenyl, each having up to 9 carbon atoms; and

Z^1 and Z^2 : independently of one another, identically or differently, a single bond, $-CF_2O-$, $-OCF_2-$, $-CH_2O-$, $-OCH_2-$, $-CO-O-$, $-O-CO-$, $-CH=CH-$, $-C_2H_4-$, $-C_2F_4-$, $-CH_2CF_2-$, $-CF_2CH_2-$ or $-C_4H_8-$.

9. (Original) Medium according to Claim 8, characterised in that the proportion of compounds of the formulae XI to XVII in the mixture as a whole is from 5 to 70% by weight.
10. (Currently Amended) Use of a liquid-crystalline medium according to claim 1 ~~at least one of the preceding claims~~ for electro-optical purposes.
11. (Currently Amended) Electro-optical display devices containing a liquid-crystalline medium according to claim 1 ~~at least one of Claims 1 to 9~~.